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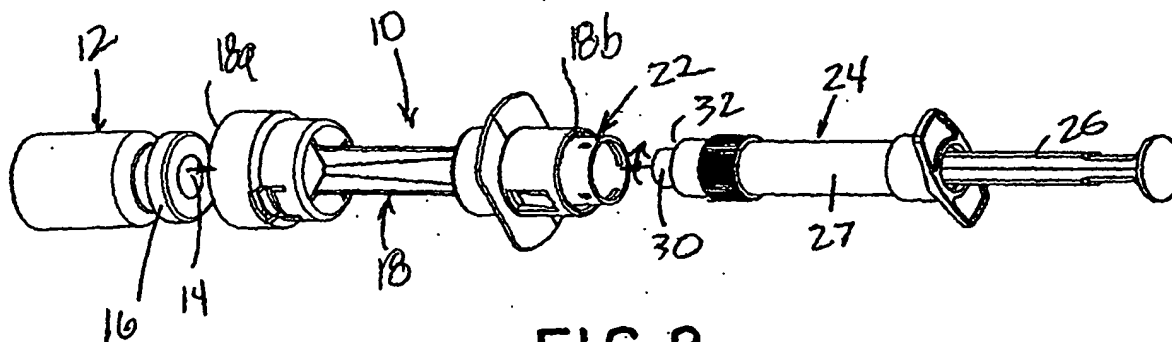
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(54) Safety device for a syringe assembly

(57) A syringe safety device (10) forms a fluid coupling between a sealed vial (14) and a syringe (24) and includes a tubular connector (18) having a first axial open end (18a) engaging the end of the vial (12) and a second, opposing open axial end (18b) releasably receiving a syringe (24) to use with the vial (12), the tubular connector (18) enclosing a sliding joint (22) having opposing axial ends (22a, 22b) and a passageway (56) between the ends, a first axial end (22a) configured to en-

gage an enlarged, blunt mounting end (20b) of a syringe needle (20), a second axial end (22b) configured to releasably engage at least a releasable needle receiver (30) on a distal end (32) of the syringe (24) without needle, the syringe (24) without needle being releasably removable from the sliding joint (22) after fluid coupling with the vial (14) through the passageway (56) of the sliding joint (22), without removal of the sliding joint (22) from the connector (18). The needle (20) is captured in the connector (18) with the sliding joint (22).

**FIG. 2**



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